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DATE: January 12, 2006

FILE NO.: SH2119005

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TO: KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN
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SUBJECT: **EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE DISPOSITION:**

DEPUTY RICHARD CONLEY, #[redacted]
CENTURY STATION

On May 20, 2004, Deputy Cooper was handling a traffic stop in the area of Long Beach Boulevard in the city of Lynwood when he heard a gunshot coming from the south of his location. Looking south, Deputy Cooper saw two males (Suspects #1 and #2) standing in front of a liquor store, saw a muzzle flash and heard three to four more additional gunshots. Deputy Cooper got into his patrol car and drove south toward the liquor store. After arriving at the location, he noticed the male suspects were gone. Deputy Cooper put out a radio broadcast and requested additional deputies respond to the location to assist in checking the area for the suspects.

Deputy Conley and his partner, Deputy Paul were patrolling the area north of the initial shooting location and responded to assist in checking the area. Deputy Conley followed another patrol unit, Deputy Spiropoulos, driving east on Burton Avenue. Both units turned south on Bullis Road, pulled along side each other and stopped to talk. Deputy Conley looked in his rear view mirror and saw two males walking north on the west side of Bullis Road from Burton Avenue. Deputy Conley told Deputy Spiropoulos what he saw and Deputy Spiropoulos placed his patrol car in reverse and backed up a short distance, stopping adjacent to where the males were walking. Deputy Conley made a U-turn and followed. Immediately upon stopping, Deputy Spiropoulos exited his vehicle and ordered the males to stop. As Deputy Conley's unit approached, Deputy Conley saw that while one male, Suspect #2, was raising his hands, the other male, Suspect #1, took-off running east across Bullis Road. Deputy Conley drove forwards toward Suspect #1 in an attempt to cut off his escape. Suspect #1 jumped and slid over the hood of Deputy Conley's patrol car, and as he did so, Deputy Conley saw that Suspect #1 was now carrying a large handgun in his right hand. Deputy Spiropoulos held Suspect #2 at gunpoint as Suspect #1 fled.

Deputy Conley exited his patrol car and yelled to Deputy Paul that Suspect #1's got a gun. Deputy Conley withdrew his handgun and ordered Suspect #1 stop and drop the gun. Suspect #1 ignored the order and ran to a wrought iron fence and before attempting to climb over, turned around and pointed the handgun at Deputies Conley and Paul, who had started to give chase. Deputy Conley, afraid for his life and that of his partner's, fired two 9mm rounds, striking Suspect #1 once in the abdomen. Suspect #1 immediately fell to the sidewalk and subsequently taken into custody without further incident.

An unloaded 9mm Beretta, Model 92F, was recovered near Suspect #1, and a .22 caliber Astra, long rifle, semiautomatic pistol was recovered from the locality where Suspect #2 was detained and arrested

On January 12, 2006, the Executive Force Review Committee convened and conducted a review regarding the facts of this case. The applicable policies that were evaluated by the committee were: MMP § 3-01/025.00: Use of Force; MMP § 3-01/025.30: Use of Firearms and Deadly Force; MMP § 3-01/025.10: Unreasonable Force; and MMP § 3-01/050.10: Performance to Standards. Concerning:

MMP § 3-01/025.00: Use of Force, MMP § 3-01/025.30: Use of Firearms and Deadly Force, and MMP § 3-01/025.10: Unreasonable Force, the Committee determined that the force used by the deputy was reasonable and necessary and in compliance with Department policy.

MMP § 3-01/050.10: Performance to Standards, the Committee determined that the tactics employed by the deputy in this incident were within Department Policy.

Johnny G. Jurado, Commander

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Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
Officer Involved Shooting

Report Date: 05-20-04	Bureau/Station/Facility: Century Sheriff's Station	Admin. Invest.? ☐	Hit? ☒

Incident Information

URN: 004-08603-2117-051	Date: 05-20-04 Time: 2209 hrs
City or Station: Lynwood	Nature of Incident: After shooting at an occupied vehicle, the suspect fled, trying to make his escape by going over a fence. As the deputy approached the suspect, the suspect turned and pointed a handgun at the deputy. The deputy fired striking the suspect in the elbow.
Location: Bullis Road, North of Burton Avenue Lynwood,	

Location Type (*circle one or more*): Backyard, Beach, Business, Freeway, Industrial, Park, Parking Lot, Residence, Rural, School, (Street) — circled; Other: ______

Lighting (*circle only one*): (Darkness) — circled; Daylight, Other, Street Lights

Weather (*circle only one*): (Clear) — circled; Cloudy, Fog, Rain

Distance: 6-9 feet

Incident Type (*circle one or more*): Accidental, (Armed Person) — circled, (Fleeing Suspect) — circled, Foot Pursuit, Gun Take Away, Moving Vehicle, Sniper/Ambush, Startle, Struggle Involved, Traffic Stop, Unarmed Person, Unintentional, Vehicle Pursuit, Warrant Service, Warning Shot, Other: ______

Initiated by (*circle only one*): Arrest Warrant, Call, (Observation) — circled, One Person Unit, Other, Search Warrant, Two Person Unit

Prior Activity (*circle only one*): Detective, Inmate Transport, Other, (Routine Patrol) — circled

Aero Unit? ☐ Canine Unit? ☐

Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy	Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect
2 (two)	None

Employee Witnesses

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.	ShiftTime (*circle only one*)	ShiftType (*circle only one*)
[redacted]	PAUL	SAMUEL		(EM) PM Day	(Regular) Overtime Off Duty
[redacted]	SPIROPOULOS	JOHN		EM (PM) Day	(Regular) Overtime Off Duty
				EM PM Day	Regular Overtime Off Duty

Non-Employee Witnesses

Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Street Address	City	Zip Code	Work Ph	Home Ph
None							

Supervisors

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I	(*circle one or more*)
[redacted]	Hiles	Richard	G.	(On Duty) — circled; Present during shooting; Witness to shooting; Involved in shooting
				(On Duty) — circled; Present during shooting; Witness to shooting; Involved in shooting

Watch Sergeant

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Mancilla	Sergio	

Watch Commander

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
[redacted]	Babbit	John	

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Officer Involved Shooting

Rollout Information

Arrival Date	Arrival Time	Date Submitted	Date of Recommendation
05-20-04	2356	11/15/05	

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I
[redacted]	HARRIS	JOHN	W.
[redacted]	SMITH	RICHARD	G.
[redacted]	JOHNSON	GREGORY	H.

Shooting / Force Information

Method

(AW) Arwen
(BC) Baton:(Control)
(BI) Baton:(Impact)
(BF) Bodily Fluids
(CN) Canine
(CR) Carotid Restraint
(CH) Choke Hold
(CT) Control Holds:(Control Techniques)
(TT) Control Holds:(Team Takedown)
(TD) Control Holds:(Takedown)
(CE) Chemical
(OC) Chemical Agents (OC Spray)
(TG) Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)
(EX) Explosives
(FH) Firearm (Handgun)
(FR) Firearm (Rifle)
(FS) Firearm (Shotgun)
(FO) Firearm (Other)
(FB) Flashbang
(FL) Flashlight
(OE) Other Weapon: Edged
(OV) Other Weapon: Vehicle
(OB) Other Weapon: Blunt Object
(OO) Other Weapon: Other
(PK) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)
(PS) Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)
(PH) Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)
(PP) Personal Weapon (Push)
(PO) Personal Weapon (Other)
(RS) Resistance
(CN) Restraint Device (Capture Net)
(RH) Restraint Device (Handcuffs)
(HB) Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only)
(TP) Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)
(RE) Restraint Device: REACT Belt
(SP) Sap
(SH) Shield
(SG) 37mm Stinger
(SB) Sting Ball
(ST) Stun Bag
(TR) Taser
(UC) Uncooperative

Type of Injury

(AB) Abrasion
(BR) Bruise
(BU) Burn
(CP) Complaint of Pain
(CO) Concussion
(DH) Death
(DI) Dislocation
(DB) Dog Bite
(FR) Fractures
(GS) Gunshot
(HB) Human Bite
(LC) Lacerations
(ND) Nerve Damage
(OD) Organ Damage
(PA) Paralysis
(PW) Puncture Wound
(SD) Soft Tissue Damage
(ST) Sprain/Twists
(UN) Unconscious
(RM) Refused Med Treatment
(NN) NONE

Body Part Injured

(AD) Abdomen
(AK) Ankle
(AR) Arm
(BK) Back
(BT) Buttocks
(CH) Chest
(EL) Elbow
(FA) Face
(FE) Feet
(FI) Fingers
(GE) Genitals
(GR) Groin
(HD) Hand
(HE) Head
(HI) Hip
(IN) Internal
(KN) Knees
(LE) Leg
(NK) Neck
(SH) Shoulder
(WR) Wrist

Brand

(AK) AK-47
(BN) Benelli
(BR) Beretta
(BW) Browning
(CH) Charter Arms
(CO) Colt
(DA) Davis Industries
(GL) Glock
(HA) Harrington & Richardson
(HI) Hi Standard
(HK) H & K
(IT) Ithica
(IV) Iver Johnson
(JE) Jennings
(LO) Lorcin
(LU) Luger
(MA) Marlin
(MO) Mossberg
(NC) NCI aka SKS
(NA) North American
(NO) Norinco
(RA) Raven
(RM) Remington
(RG) RG
(RI) RGI
(RO) Rossi
(SW) Smith & Wesson
(SR) Sturm Ruger
(ST) Sterling
(TA) Taurus
(WE) Weatherby
(WN) Winchester
(US) US Government
(YY) Handmade (Inmate)
(XX) Homemade (Non-Inmate)
(ZZ) Other Brand

Caliber

(9) 9 mm
(10) 10 mm
(12) 12 guage
(20) 20 guage
(21) .22-250
(22) .22 caliber
(23) .223 caliber
(24) .243 caliber
(25) .25 caliber
(30) .308 caliber
(35) .357 caliber
(36) 30-60 caliber
(38) .38 caliber
(40) .40 caliber
(41) .410 guage
(44) .44 caliber
(45) .45 caliber
(50) 50 mm
(SL) Slug
(WW) Other caliber

FORCE APPLIED *(one code per block)*

Used By (E# or S#)	Used Against (E# or S#)	Method (Code)	Brand (Code)	Caliber (Code)	Authorized Weapon? (Y/N)	Authorized Ammunition? (Y/N)	Type of Injury (Code)	Body Part (Code)
S #1	E #1	RS						
S #1	E #1	UC						
S #1	E #1	FH	BR	9				
E #1	S #1	FH	BR	9	Y	Y	GS	AD



Officer Involved Shooting
Involved Employee Information

URN: 004-08603-2117-051

Involved Employee

E 1

Employee # [redacted]	Last Name CONLEY	First Name RICHARD	M.I. L.
Sex: M Race: White	Rank Deputy	Unit Assignment: Century Station	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): (Regular — circled) Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☒
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting: 6-8	Duty Time (hrs): [redacted]	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, (Uniform w/ Vest — circled)	Other Factors:
Age: [redacted] Height: 5' 10"	Weight: 210		
Range Qualification Date: [redacted]	PPC Qualification Date: [redacted]	Laser Training Date: [redacted]	
Certified with Weapon Used? [redacted]	Patrol Certification? [redacted]	Certification Unit: [redacted]	Prior Shootings? [redacted] Number of Prior Shootings: [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]
Field Training Officer Emp # [redacted]	Last Name [redacted]	First Name [redacted]	M.I. [redacted]

E__

Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings:
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
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Employee #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Sex: Race:	Rank	Unit Assignment:	Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):
ShiftTime (*circle only one*): EM PM Day	ShiftType (*circle only one*): Regular Overtime Off Duty	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Hospital Admission? ☐	Hospital Name:	Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case # — Interviewed? ☐
Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:	Duty Time (hrs):	Clothing (*circle only one*): Plain Clothes no Vest, Raid Jacket w/ Vest, Plain Clothes w/ Vest, Uniform no Vest, Raid Jacket no Vest, Uniform w/ Vest	Other Factors:
Age: Height:	Weight:		
Range Qualification Date:	PPC Qualification Date:	Laser Training Date:	
Certified with Weapon Used? ☐	Patrol Certification? ☐	Certification Unit:	Prior Shootings? ☐ Number of Prior Shootings:
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.
Field Training Officer Emp #	Last Name	First Name	M.I.

Officer Involved Shooting
Suspect Information

URN: 004-08603-2117-051

Suspect Information

S 1

Last Name: DANIELS		First Name: CHRISTOPHER	M.I.: J.
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: M Race: Black	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone:	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #: [redacted]	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 22 D.O.B. 01-04-82	Height: 5' 11" Weight: 187	FBI #: [redacted]	CII #: [redacted]
Booking #: 8145912	Primary Charge: 245(D)(1) PC	Secondary Charge: 69PC	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #: N/A	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☒	Apprehended? ☒	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: N/A		Model:	Year:

S 2

Last Name: [redacted]		First Name: [redacted]	M.I.: [redacted]
AKA Last Name: [redacted]		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: M Race: Black	Street Address: [redacted]	City: [redacted]	State & Zip Code: [redacted]
Work Phone:	Home Phone: [redacted]	Social Security #:	Driver's License #: [redacted]
Age: 17 D.O.B. [redacted]	Height: 5' 09" Weight: 160	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #: [redacted]	Primary Charge: 12101(A)(1) PC	Secondary Charge: 12025(A)(3) PC	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☒	Apprehended? ☒	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? [redacted]
Vehicle Make: N/A		Model:	Year:

S__

Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

S__

Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
AKA Last Name:		First Name:	M.I.:
Sex: Race:	Street Address:	City:	State & Zip Code:
Work Phone:	Home Phone:	Social Security #:	Driver's License #:
Age: D.O.B.	Height: Weight:	FBI #:	CII #:
Booking #:	Primary Charge:	Secondary Charge:	
Coroner Case? ☐	Coroner Case #:	Intoxication/Drug Usage? ☐	Substance Used:
Armed? ☐	Apprehended? ☐	Mental Illness? ☐	Criminal History? ☐
Vehicle Make:		Model:	Year:

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January 12, 2005

Captain Raymond Peavy
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Dear Captain Peavy:

RE: J.S.I.D. File No. 04-0480
L.A.S.D. File No. 004-08603-2117-051

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the May 20, 2004 non-fatal shooting of Christopher Daniels by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy (LASD) Richard Conley. We conclude that Deputy Conley acted in lawful self-defense and the defense of others.

The following analysis is based on reports prepared by the LASD Homicide Bureau submitted to this office on October 28, 2004 by Sergeant William Marsh. The District Attorney's Command Center was notified of the shooting at 11:15 p.m. Members of the District Attorney Response Team, comprised of Deputy District Attorney Kraig St. Pierre and Senior Investigator [redacted] responded to the scene. They were briefed on the circumstances surrounding the shooting and given a walk-through of the scene. There were no civilian witnesses to the shooting. Deputy Conley gave a voluntary statement to investigators which was considered as part of this analysis.

FACTUAL ANALYSIS

Late in the evening of May 20, 2004 Christopher Daniels, a Mob Piru gang member and active parolee, was involved in an altercation in front of the 2Boys Liquor Store located at 12211 Long Beach Boulevard in the City of Lynwood. He left the scene, retrieved a gun, and returned to the liquor store with [redacted] a juvenile, was also armed. Seeing the persons with whom Daniels had had the altercation, the two opened fire. The victims, seated in cars, sped away southbound on Long Beach Boulevard.

Deputy Johnathan Cooper was handling a traffic stop in the area of Long Beach Boulevard and Cedar Avenue when he heard the gunshots. Looking south he saw Daniels

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In a voluntary statement to investigators Christopher Daniels admitted being involved in the shooting at the 2Boys liquor store and to possession of the 9mm handgun he tossed into the schoolyard. Christopher Daniels' recount of the event is similar to Deputy Conley's in all aspects but one. Daniels claimed the gun was in his left front pants pocket as he fled from the deputies and that, "in one motion," he pulled the gun from his pocket and tossed it over the schoolyard fence. He denied pointing the gun at anyone and claimed that, at that moment he was shot, he had already tossed the gun.

During a voluntary interview [redacted] stated that, once at the fence, Christopher Daniels pulled out the gun and tried to toss it but was shot before he could do so. [redacted] admitted possessing the .22 caliber handgun but denied involvement in the earlier shooting at the 2Boys Liquor store. It should be noted that a credible witness identified [redacted] as being one of the two shooters at the liquor store.

Deputy Spiropulos saw Christopher Daniels run in front of his car before sliding across the hood of Deputy Conley's patrol car. Daniels held a large handgun in his right hand as he passed – a gun which, according to Deputy Spiropulos, was similar to the one found east of the schoolyard fence. Deputy Spiropulos did not see the shooting of Christopher Daniels because his attention was focused on the apprehension of [redacted]

Deputy Paul's statement was similar. He saw Christopher Daniels slide across the hood of his car holding a large gun in his hand. Once at the fence it appeared for a moment that Daniels was going to begin climbing when, instead, he turned toward the deputies with the gun held near his waistband. Deputy Paul ducked behind the passenger door of the patrol car and heard the report of two shots being fired. He did not know the source of the shots.

In 2001, Christopher Daniels was convicted of second degree burglary in violation of Penal Code section 459 and possessing an unmarked firearm in violation of Penal Code section 12094. He received a suspended state prison term which was later imposed. He was on parole at the time of the shooting.

CONCLUSION

The use of deadly force in self-defense or in the defense of another is permitted if it reasonably appears to the person claiming the right of self-defense, or the defense of another, that he actually and reasonably believed that he was in imminent danger of great bodily injury or death. *People v. Williams* (1977) 75 Cal. App.3d 731

Christopher Daniels had a 9mm pistol and used it to commit an armed assault prior to his confrontation with sheriff's deputies. Three deputies saw the weapon as he fled from them before he reached the schoolyard fence. Daniels himself admitted to possession. At that point whether he was trying to toss the gun or point it at the deputies is insignificant given that either action is sufficiently furtive to justify the use of deadly force by Deputy Conley. In the instant of decision Deputy Conley was under no obligation to wait and see

and [redacted] firing their weapons at what he believed was a single vehicle – which he saw speed away southbound on Long Beach Boulevard. He got in his marked patrol car and headed toward the liquor store. When he got there Daniels and [redacted] were gone. Deputy Cooper checked the status of some pedestrians and radioed what he had just observed. Deputies Richard Conley, Samuel Paul and John Spiropulos were patrolling in the area, heard Cooper's broadcast, and immediately went to his assistance. All three deputies were in marked patrol cars. Deputies Conley and Paul were together as Paul was [redacted] to the field and required a [redacted]

The two units patrolled together. Deputies Conley and Paul followed Deputy Spiropulos. The marked patrol cars turned southbound on Bullis Road from Magnolia Avenue and, near the intersection of Bullis Road and Burton Avenue, Deputy Conley passed Deputy Spiropulos in order to check a known Mob Piru gang hangout further south on Bullis Road. As he crossed or had just passed the intersection, Deputy Conley saw Daniels and [redacted] in his rear view mirror. They were walking near the northwest corner of Bullis Road and Burton Avenue. Deputy Conley made a U-turn and drove toward the suspects. Daniels ran northeast across Bullis Road toward a fenced schoolyard on the east side of the street. [redacted] discarded a .22 caliber semiautomatic handgun on the sidewalk in front of the residence at the corner and walked northbound on Bullis Road.

As Christopher Daniels ran eastbound across Bullis Road he was intercepted by Deputy Conley's patrol car. Rather than stop, Daniels leapt up and slid across the hood, regained his footing and kept running to a black, approximately eight foot high wrought iron fence bordering the east side of Bullis Road and the school campus. As Daniels passed in front of Deputy Conley's patrol car, both Conley and Paul saw a large, black handgun in his right hand.

Deputy Conley stopped and got out of the patrol car with Deputy Paul following suit. Deputy Conley shouted to Deputy Paul that Daniels had a gun. Daniels arrived at the base of the fence and, before climbing over, turned toward the deputies and raised the gun toward them. Afraid for his life and that of his partner, Deputy Conley fired two rounds from his department-issued 9 millimeter semiautomatic Beretta handgun. Daniels was struck with one round in the abdomen and immediately fell to the sidewalk where he remained until being removed by emergency medical personnel.

Daniels' gun, a 9 millimeter semiautomatic handgun, had recently been stolen from a Compton residence. It was found several feet east of the fence at the base of a temporary classroom on the campus of the school. It was not loaded. However, it should be noted that four expended 9 millimeter shell casings were recovered from Long Beach Boulevard just east of the 2Boys Liquor store. [redacted] was taken into custody without incident. A .22 caliber semiautomatic handgun was found near the sidewalk at the northwest corner of Bullis Road and Burton Avenue in front of the residence at [redacted] Burton Avenue. The gun had been stolen with Daniels' weapon during the same Compton residential burglary. [redacted] admitted that the gun was his.

what Daniels intended. Deputy Conley's use of deadly force was both reasonable and lawful.

Having concluded that Deputy Richard Conley was acting in lawful self-defense and the defense of another when he shot Christopher Daniels, our file is now closed and we will take no further action in the matter.

Very truly yours,

STEVE COOLEY
District Attorney

By

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c: Deputy Richard Conley, #[redacted]